

EXHIBIT NO. 2--LETTERS FROM JAMES EARL RAY TO JUDGE BATTLE

Exhibit 2-A. Letter of March 13, 1969

Exhibit 2-B. Letter of March 26, 1969

3-13-69

Dear Sir,

I wish to inform the honorable court that that former Houston Ad. Jerry Samplinski is no longer representing me in any capacity. My reason for writing this letter is that I intend to file for a post conviction hearing in the very near future and don't want him acting as legal counsel unless their in my courts behalf.

Sincerely,  
James Earl Ray

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J. A. BLACKWELL, CLERK  
BY [Signature] D. C.

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Hon. Judge W. Preston Battle,  
Judge of the Criminal Court  
Memphis, Tennessee.

I would respectfully request this court to treat this letter as a legal notice, of an intent to ask for a reversal of the 99 year sentence petition received in association court. I understand on one avenue of appeal, I have only 30 days in which to file a writ notice, to have previous notices set aside. That is the appeal route to which I address the court.

I also would like to bring to the attention of the honorable court, that Mr. Percy Foreman, the attorney who was supposed to be representing me on this charge, acted in open court.

One, that since he "Mr. Foreman" was receiving no funds to help prepare case for trial, and he did not think he should be required to use his own funds, he requested court to appoint counsel to help defray costs. The court appointed public defender to investigate case and assist Mr. Foreman.

Two, Mr. Foreman said in open court he did not want or expect to receive a cent for his efforts.

I think from Mr. Percy Foreman's statement to the press that he had a contract from me and Mrs. William B. Harris, "operating" the case for \$400,000, and that he was now to receive \$150,000, should lay to rest the whole thing. Mr. Foreman told the court.

Exhibit #3

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Three; 2, James E. By in turn has not previously received,  
a coat from Mrs. Wilburn P. Hume.

My only reason for bringing this information forward to  
the attention of the court is that I would respectfully  
move that the court appoint an attorney, or the public defender,  
to assist me in the proceedings. I have no stock, bonds,  
nor have I received any funds from any source to engage  
counsel.

petitioner used the word "assist", as I hereby request  
the court, that I be personally present at the hearing, and  
to assist court appointed counsel so that there be no  
repetition of Mrs. Jean Johnson's actions.

Respectfully

James Earl By  
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J. A. BLACKWELL, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DATE WHICH APPEARS AT THE TOP OF THIS LETTER, ON THE FIRST PAGE, WHICH HAS BEEN OBLITERATED BY PUNCHING THE HOLE FOR INSERTION OF THIS LETTER IN THE JACKET, IS 3-26-69.  
J. A. BLACKWELL, CRIMINAL COURT CLERK  
WITNESS  
James H. Hume  
WITNESS  
April 10 1969  
DATE